

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76468

Koichi OTSUKI

Appln. No.: 10/612,871

Group Art Unit: 2625

Confirmation No.: 6980

Examiner: Quang N. VO

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For: **STORAGE MEDIUM, PRINTING METHOD, AND PRINTING APPARATUS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated September 6, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects **Group II, claims 1-13** for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant elects **Species II** for examination on which claims 1-13 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 14-16.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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